



January 1-6, 2024

Lead your heart and your household into next Sunday using these ideas and resources in one or all six areas as you worship at home together to fulfill God's discipleship calling. Pick and choose what is most suitable for your home, using what will work best with the ages, stages, personalities, and interests you have present.

May your family be blessed by the time spent together, worshipping our Mighty God!

Blessings,

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BIBLE READING

Read the Bible texts using different translations or age-appropriate children's Bibles, act it out, use puppets or visual aids.

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-15
- Ephesians 3:1-12
- Matthew 2:1-12

Memorize

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you."
Isaiah 60:1

SINGING

- ["God Loves Me Dearly" \(Lutheran Service Book 392\)](#)
- ["As With Gladness Men of Old" \(LSB 397\)](#)
- ["Songs of Thankfulness & Praise" \(LSB 394\)](#)

ACTIVITIES

1. **His Glory Appears**-Sit together under a large thick blanket or each person under their own thick blanket. Talk about what it's like sitting in darkness. Then, turn bright lights on and come out from under the blanket(s). Now, talk about what it's like going from darkness into bright light. How is this picture like what the Lord does for us?
2. **You May Come**-What does it mean to have access to something? You can get to them. Usually more important things, we limit access to. But God, has given us full access to Him. He invites us to approach Him full of confidence that He will hear us and answer us. Pray to Him now in that confidence. s
3. **Follow that Star**-Create a star. Then, parade it through the house, with all of you following it as you go. Talk about how the magi followed the star to lead them to the Christ child. What do you think compelled them to follow the star? What points you to Jesus?

CATECHISM

Recitation: The First Article Part 2 & Meaning [*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 105, Maroon p. 108, Black-p. 146]

Q & A: Assign one person to be the catechizer to ask questions and allow others to answer. (Guide them/provide unknown answers.)

- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2008 Questions 108-110 (Blue p. 113, Maroon p. 116-117)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 131-139 (p. 147-154)

Need a catechism? Let us know!

DISCUSSION

1. Share highs and lows of the day.
2. How have you seen God at work lately?
3. What does the Scripture reading teach about God?
4. What does it teach about people?
5. What is the key theme of the Scripture reading?
6. What do you learn about the key theme? How can you apply it to your daily walk with the Lord? (Yourself, your relationship with God or your relationships with others?)
7. Any cautions to heed? Any promises to anticipate?

PRAYER

- **Adoration (Wow, God!):** Proclaim at least three things that amaze you about God today.
- **Confession (Sorry, God!):** Confess, repent, and ask for forgiveness.
- **Thanksgiving (Thanks, God!):** Thank God for blessings, lessons, gifts, etc.
- **Supplication (Please, God!):** Ask God to intervene where you know of needs.

God has called us to lead our families in discipleship at home...

- to preach and teach the Bible to our family (Eph. 6:4)
- to be a discipleship center (Gen. 18:19)
- to impress the hearts of the next generation with a love for God (Deut. 6:5-7)
- to pass on faith (Ps. 78:1-8, Deut. 32:44-47; Eph. 6:4)
- to teach spiritual lessons to our children (Prov. 1:8, Prov. 7:1, Prov. 23:23-26)

and this resource is designed to equip you to do just that and help you lead into the following Sunday.

